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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to childhood lead poisoning.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 135.101, Code 2023, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **135.101 Childhood lead poisoning prevention program.**

4 There is established a childhood lead poisoning prevention
5 program within the Iowa department of ~~public health~~. The
6 department shall implement ~~and review~~ programs necessary to
7 eliminate potentially dangerous toxic lead levels in children
8 in Iowa ~~in a year for which funds are appropriated to the~~
9 ~~department for this purpose.~~ The program guidelines shall be
10 based on the maximum blood lead level in children as specified
11 by rule of the department and shall provide for responsive
12 action, including but not limited to case management services
13 for children and the provision of available home intervention
14 and target housing resources, when the maximum level is met
15 or exceeded in accordance with the most recent recommended
16 actions based on blood lead level published by the centers for
17 disease control and prevention of the United States department
18 of health and human services.

19 Sec. 2. Section 135.102, subsections 3 and 6, Code 2023, are
20 amended to read as follows:

21 3. ~~Maximum~~ The maximum blood lead levels level in children
22 ~~living in targeted rental dwelling units~~ that is the level of
23 lead in the bloodstream that equals or exceeds the lower of
24 three and one-half micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood,
25 or an amount identified in the most recent recommendations by
26 the centers for disease control and prevention of the United
27 States department of health and human services, and that
28 necessitates the undertaking of responsive action, including
29 but not limited to case management services for children and
30 the provision of available home intervention and target housing
31 resources.

32 6. ~~Model regulations~~ Guidelines, as specified in section
33 135.105B, for lead hazard remediation to be used by the
34 state and in local programs in instances in which a child is
35 confirmed as lead poisoned. The department shall make the

1 ~~model regulations~~ guidelines available to local boards of
2 health and ~~shall promote the adoption of the regulations to be~~
3 used at the local level, in cities and counties implementing
4 lead hazard remediation programs to provide consistency
5 throughout the state. ~~Nothing in this subsection shall be~~
6 ~~construed as requiring the adoption of the model regulations.~~

7 Sec. 3. Section 135.103, Code 2023, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 **135.103 Grant program.**

10 The department shall implement a childhood lead poisoning
11 prevention grant program which provides federal, state, or
12 other funds to local boards of health or cities and counties
13 for the program ~~after standards and requirements for the~~
14 ~~local program are developed~~ consistent with the most recent
15 recommendations regarding the maximum blood lead level and
16 recommended actions based on blood lead level published by
17 the centers for disease control and prevention of the United
18 States department of health and human services. The department
19 may also use federal, state, or other funds provided for the
20 childhood lead poisoning prevention grant program to purchase
21 environmental and blood testing services from a public health
22 laboratory.

23 Sec. 4. Section 135.105B, Code 2023, is amended by striking
24 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

25 **135.105B Guidelines for local lead hazard remediation**
26 **programs.**

27 1. The department shall develop guidelines to be used by
28 local programs that administer lead hazard remediation programs
29 to address the health and environmental needs of children who
30 are confirmed as lead poisoned.

31 2. The guidelines shall be based on the most recent
32 guidelines published by the centers for disease control and
33 prevention of the United States department of health and human
34 services for recommended actions based on blood lead level and
35 shall reflect the maximum blood lead level specified by rule

1 of the department.

2 3. A city or county may elect to administer a local program
3 through a city or county health department on a city, county,
4 or multicounty basis or may request that the state develop and
5 administer the local program.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This bill amends provisions relating to the childhood lead
10 poisoning prevention program (program) in the department of
11 health and human services (HHS) to align maximum blood lead
12 level provisions and program activities with the most recent
13 maximum lead level in children specified by the centers for
14 disease control and prevention (CDC) and the recommended
15 actions based on the CDC blood lead level.

16 The bill requires HHS guidelines for the program to be based
17 on the maximum blood lead level in children as specified by
18 rule of HHS and shall provide for responsive action, including
19 but not limited to case management services for children
20 and the provision of available home intervention and target
21 housing resources, when the maximum level is met or exceeded in
22 accordance with the most recent recommended actions published
23 by the CDC.

24 The bill requires HHS to adopt rules for the program that
25 specify the maximum blood lead level in children as the level
26 of lead in the bloodstream that equals or exceeds the lower of
27 3.5 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood, or an amount
28 identified in the most recent recommendations by the CDC,
29 and that necessitates the undertaking of responsive action,
30 including but not limited to case management services for
31 children and the provision of home intervention and target
32 housing resources.

33 The bill also requires the guidelines for lead hazard
34 remediation used for both state and local programs in instances
35 in which a child is confirmed as lead poisoned, to be based on

1 the CDC guidelines and consistent throughout the state.

2 The bill provides that the grant program requirements,
3 providing federal, state, or other funds, are to be consistent
4 with the most recent CDC-recommended maximum blood lead level
5 and actions.

6 The bill requires the HHS guidelines used by local lead
7 hazard remediation programs to be based on the most recent CDC
8 guidelines for recommended actions based on blood lead level
9 and reflect the maximum blood lead level specified by rule of
10 HHS. The bill continues the current option under the program
11 for a city or county to elect to administer a local program
12 through a city or county health department on a city, county,
13 or multicounty basis or to request that the state develop and
14 administer the local program.